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SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS OF FIRST SESSION PERMANENT COMMISSION ON  
ARAB/AFRICAN COOPERATION

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1. SUMMARY: THREE RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED AT MAY 30 - JUNE 1  
MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF 24 WHICH NOW ORGANIZED AS PERMANENT  
COMMISSION ON ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION. THE RESOLUTIONS WERE  
THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, THE BUDGET AND A STATEMENT ON AGGRESSION  
AGAINST BOTSWANA AND OTHER FRONT LINE COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PERMANENT COMMISSION PROVIDE  
FOR MEMBERSHIP OF 24 PLUS SECRETARY GENERALS OF OAU AND AL.  
ANY OTHER MEMBER OAU AND AL CAN PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVER WITHOUT  
RIGHT TO VOTE. ALL RESOLUTIONS ARE DETERMINED BY GENERAL  
CONSENSUS WITH EXCEPTION OF PROCEDURAL AND SPECIAL FUND MATTERS  
WHICH ARE DETERMINED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY. COMMISSION CHARGED  
WITH FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES: (A) INSURE IMPLEMENTATION  
AND FOLLOW-UP DECISIONS AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT AND JOINT COUNCIL OF  
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MINISTERS ; (B) CONSIDER ISSUES RAISED BY EACH PARTY AND WORK  
OUT PROPOSALS SUBMIT TO JOINT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS; (C) SET  
UP WORKING GROUPS FOR AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION; (D) APPROVE FORMATION  
SPECIALIZED PANELS; (E) APPROVE PROJECTS PROPOSED BY VARIOUS  
WORKING GROUPS; (F) DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATING TO GENERAL  
ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATION;  
AND (G) PROPOSE A JOINT EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

OF MINISTERS.

3. A BUDGET OF \$449,000 WHICH IS TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN OAU AND AL WAS AGREED UPON. SOME AUSTERITY IN BUDGET APPARENT AS SUPPORT STAFF IN OAU AND AL REDUCED EACH ORGANIZATION FROM EIGHT TO SIX AND WORKING GROUPS REDUCED FROM EIGHT TO FOUR AND TO MEET ONCE A YEAR INSTEAD OF TWICE. THE LINE ITEMS BREAK OUT AS FOLLOWS:

AL STAFF SUPPORT - \$32,579  
OAU STAFF SUPPORT - \$31,435  
WORKING GROUPS - \$358,336  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE - \$6,348  
SPECIAL MISSIONS OF SECRETARY GENERALS - \$20,000  
TOTAL: \$448,698

4. AT HIS REQUEST BOTSWANA FOREIGN MINISTER MUEGE, WHO ALSO AFRICAN GROUP LEADER, ASKED TO TAKE THE FLOOR AND MADE AN IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR MONETARY AID TO HELP BOTSWANA RESIST AGGRESSION BY RHODESIAN FORCES. (NOTE: MUEGE IS AS REPORTED LOCALLY, ALTHOUGH OUR INFO INDICATED A.M. MOGWE IS FOREIGN MINISTER) COMMISSION MEMBERS RELUCTANT START PRECEDENT AND DID NOT WISH SINGLE OUT BOTSWANA AS SOLE VICTIM OF RHODESIAN AGGRESSION. THEREFORE RESOLUTION ADOPTED WHICH, AFTER NOTING MUEGE'S STATEMENT AND CONSIDERING IT A WORKING DOCUMENT OF COMMISSION, "...CALLS ON ALL ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO GIVE MATERIAL, POLITICAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO BOTSWANA AND TO ALL OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION BY RACIST REGIMES. IT ALSO CALLS ON THE WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINANCIAL COOPERATION TO STUDY ALL MEANS FOR SHOWING SOLIDARITY WITH BOTSWANA AND OTHER FRONT LINE COUNTRIES." THIS WAS NOT WHAT BOTSWANA FOREIGN MINISTER HAD IN MIND, BUT WAS ALL THAT CONFERENCE WAS WILLING TO DO.

5. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTEL.

6. DEPT REPEAT AS DESIRED.

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